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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

> PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 24, 1997 Office Action, now outstanding in this application. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 24, 1997. A check in the amount of \$950.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or to credit overpayment of the same,

to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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